

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Germaine Means was born on April 13, 1933, at Old Cheyenne Agency, South Dakota, to Delaine White Eyes and Christine Dupris; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Germaine was united in marriage to Cecil Raymond Means, and to this union, seven children were born: Donna, Connie, Galen, Richard, Cecil, Jr., Carmen, and Shawn; and,

*Whereas*, Germaine graduated from Cheyenne River Boarding School and attended South Dakota State University and has been employed by the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and Indian Health Services; and,

*Whereas*, Germaine is a supporter of family values, cultural heritage, the health and well-being of all elderly and youth, and has a deep respect for people of all races; and,

*Whereas*, Germaine will observe her 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

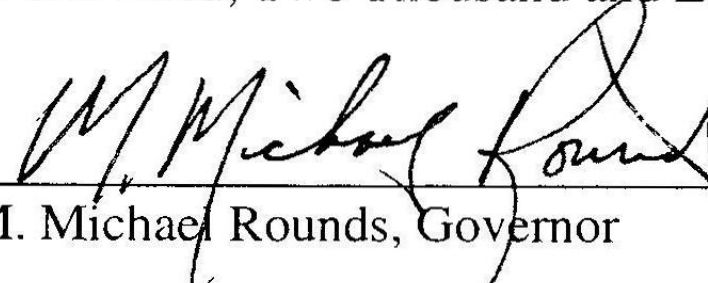
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 13, 2008, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State